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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: "AERO-ISLA" INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

REF: STATE 120865

1. CAPTIAN GRANELLI OF HIDROCEANO CONSULTORES CONSULTED WITH EMBASSY TODAY ON LATEST ARGENTINE AIR FORCE THINKING CONCERNING THIS PROJECT. WE HAVE FOUND DIRECT ACCESS TO AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES FAIRLY DIFFICULT. PRINCIPALLY, WE UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SURE OF EXTENT OF SUPPORT AT HIGH GOVERNMENTAL POLITICAL LEVELS FOR MOVING AHEAD NOW WITH THE PROJECT.

2. CAPT. GRANELLI TOLD US THAT AIR FORCE NEEDS TWO THINGS BEFORE PUSHING AHEAD: (1) AN OUTLINE OF A SCHEME OF FINANCING WHICH WOULD COVER BOTH IMPORTED EQUIPMENT AND LOCAL CONSTRUCTION, AND (2) ASSURANCES FROM AN AMERICAN FIRM CAPABLE OF DOING A TURNKEY JOB THAT A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ARGENTINE MATERIALS AND SERVICES WOULD BE USED.

3. HIDROCEANO HAS HAD A DIRECT RESPONSE FROM RALPH M. PARSONS CO. AND IS QUITE INTERESTED IN FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM. WE UNDERSTAND PARSONS PLANNING TO SEND REP TO BUENOS AIRES WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. A REP OF HIDROCEANO WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR TWO DAYS BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 15, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR A PARSONS REP TO CONFER WITH HIM. HE IS RUBEN ANTONION AND CAN BE REACHED BY LEAVING MESSAGE WITH MR. FASSULIS OF ONASSIS ORGANIZATION AT FOLLOWING NEW YORK
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TELEPHONE NUMBERS: 924-5959 AND 489-0908. EMBASSY REQUESTS

THAT THIS INFO BE PASSED IMMEDIATELY TO PARSONS.

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